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Dear Sirs,

I am a veterinarian with experience of devising humane endpoints in research with a specific interest in vaccines and toxin testing. Some 20 years ago I developed a clinical endpoint for tetanus toxin and since then I have been involved in various HEP assessments. The UK Joint Working Group on Refinement (supported by the BVA Animal Welfare Fdn, UFAW, RSPCA and FRAME) is going to be looking at the issue of HEPs and I shall probably chair it. I attach some references that may help you decide if I am able to help.

Thanks

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